

Application 10/601,866  
Amendment dated September 29, 2003

52. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the steps of receiving a plurality of symbol estimates including the first symbol estimate, the plurality of symbol estimates corresponding to a respective plurality of signal paths, and producing a first symbol signal in response to the plurality of symbol estimates, occur in a combining circuit.

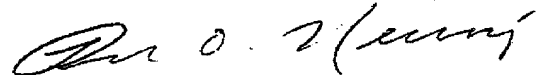
53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the combining circuit is a rake combiner.

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#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-33 added in the Preliminary Amendment of June 23, 2003 have been canceled. New Claims 34-53 have been added. New Claims 34-53 stand allowable over the cited art and the application is in allowable form. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application as the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,



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